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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

THE SECRETARY OF STATE THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

THE DIRECTOR, ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY

SUBJECT:

Corrected First Page of NSDD 31 re MBFR

Attached is a corrected first page of NSDD 31 re U.S. Policy on MBFR. Please substitute this new page and destroy the old page.

The change can be found in the fourth subparagraph of paragraph two.

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National Security Decision Directive Number 31

## UNITED STATES POLICY ON MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS

This directive approves a new approach to mutual and balanced force reductions in Europe (MBFR).

The United States will propose a single comprehensive MBFR agreement to include a binding commitment by the participants of the North Atlantic Alliance and the Warsaw Pact to achieve equality of conventional forces in Europe at lower levels through substantial, militarily significant and verifiable reductions of forces. This proposal will contain the following elements:

- A single agreement binding all participants to reductions in stages to a common collective ceiling for each side of about 700,000 ground force personnel and about 900,000 ground and air force personnel combined;
- Separate subceilings for United States and Soviet ground force personnel only within the combined collective ceiling;
- First stage reductions by the United States and the Soviet Union of 13,000 and 30,000 ground force personnel, respectively;
- United States reductions in the first stage occurring twothirds in units and sub-units and one-third in individuals and Soviet reductions in the first stage occurring in divisions;
- Verification of reductions and residual ceilings at each stage of reductions;
- Associated stabilization and verification measures applying to all participants prior to or at the time of the first United States and Soviet reductions as an integral part of the agreement; and
- Agreement on current data and counting criteria for the forces of both sides prior to signature of the agreement.

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